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# ***Panther Sports News***

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CHARLESTON, IL--For the first time in the history of Eastern Illinois University's women's basketball, the Panthers will be competing in the AIAW Division II National Tournament.

Eastern, 24-9, qualified for the nationals by finishing second in the Region 5 Tournament last weekend. Earlier the Panthers won the state championship for the second straight year.

EIU will face Colorado College, 20-7, at 6 p.m. Friday (March 20) in a national tournament first round game at William Penn College in Oskaloosa, IA.

Host Wm. Penn, 39-3 and the nation's top ranked team in Division II, will face the University of Idaho at 8 p.m. that evening.

The winners will play for the championship on Saturday night (March 21) with the champion advancing to the four-team national finals at the University of Dayton on Friday and Saturday, March 27-28.

"We are thrilled to be one of the final 16 teams . . . this is as far as we've ever advanced so regardless of what happens, we've had a great season," said Coach Bobbie Hilke.

"Being in the bracket with the No. 1 team in the nation will make it extra tough to advance . . . plus they are playing at home. Since we are playing teams from other parts of the country, it's tough to compare opponents.

"We did find out some information from some coaches that have seen Colorado play. They're really tough going to the boards. We'll have to hit the boards better than we have been.

"Linda Ellsworth (Menasha, WI/Portage Central) has been our dominant person inside, but she's going to need some consistent help from JoAnn Archer (Mundelein).

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"I think the key to our success will be in catching Colorado in their transition phase on defense. On paper we're a little quicker team than they are," added Hilke.

According to Hilke, two players who have come off the bench lately and performed well at crucial times are Kathy Lanter (Georgetown) and Penny Berg (Chicago-Thornridge).

"Lanter has played super defense . . . particularly in the regional championship game against Dayton where she shut out one of Dayton's best players.

"Berg has been going to the basket with authority and then dumping the ball off to one of our inside players . . . plus at 5-7 she's demonstrated an ability to post up."

The Tigers are led by All-American candidate Betsy Schilling. Averaging 12.3 points and 9 rebounds per game, the 6-3 center leads the team in blocked shots and steals.

The team's best ball-handler, Ada Gee, is also their second leading scorer with a 10.9 average. Gee is a second year Region 7 all-tournament pick.